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In re: Meritet *et al.* Confirmation No.: 8380  
Appl No.: 10/717,767 Group Art Unit: 1646  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 2, 2006, in which the Examiner has required restriction between Group I, namely Claims 1-2 and 10; Group II, namely Claims 3-7, 9, 12, 14, 16-18, and 24; and Group III, namely Claims 8 and 15; and Group IV, namely Claim 11; and Group V, namely Claim 13; and Group VI, namely Claims 19-21; and Group VII, namely Claims 19-22; and Group VIII, namely Claim 23; and Group IX, namely Claim 25.

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the claims of Group I (Claims 1-2 and 10) and expressly reserves the right to file divisional applications or take such other appropriate measures deemed necessary to protect the inventions in the remaining claims.

Should the Examiner have further questions or comments with respect to examination of this case, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned so that further examination of this application can be expedited.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those, which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned

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under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

Respectfully submitted,

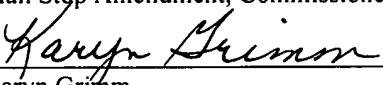


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